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When he was still a teenager he was going to school from his hometown to a bigger city, him and his friends were constantly harassed and beaten up by a group of local nazis. The harassment took ages and it was getting worse and worse. Tomek and other antifascists decided they can't stay passive anymore. One day they decided to show some revenge. None of them expected such a tragic development of the situation. During the confrontation with nazis a knife appeared, one of the nazis was stabbed, the wounds were fatal for him. Tomek and two of his friends were arrested and charged with murder. Because of the pressure in prison, Tomek decided to take all blame on him, his friends got released after few years, he got unbelievably high sentence of 15 years. At that time Polish anarchist movement didn't have its lawyers, so the legal help for Tomek came too late. His lawyer was totally incompetent and didn't show the court the whole context, in which Tomek and his comrades were involved in for many months, being harassed and assaulted by nazis and that the whole incident was a result of self defence.

During his stay in prison Tomek got even more politicized. He has been receiving huge support from Polish movement and the comrades abroad, there have been several campaigns for his release, all, unfortunately, unsuccessful.

Since 2007 Tomek is able to be released on parole. Polish Anarchist Black Cross hired a lawyer for him. It turned out that the prison court and authorities are so corrupt, that they hardly ever release any prisoners on parole, even though Polish prisons are overcrowded. Tomek has had a good opinion from his tutor, which in theory should help him to be released earlier. The system of injustice proves to be true though. Keeps on imprisoning more and more people so that the society would think it keeps them safer. Tomek's sentence finishes in two years, Polish anarchists from ABC are working on his earlier release together with his lawyer. We need funds for the legal help and also for support for Tomek, we send him food packages, also books and cds. Tomek will certainly need some money after his release to start off with a new life. Remember, we are all prisoners of this system, support those behind the prison bars and fight for a better reality. Freedom for Tomek and all prisoners!

Anarchist Black Cross, Poznan, Poland

More about Tomek: www.tomek.most.org.pl

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